

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A wearable garment, ~~usable by athletes, workers, and the elderly or infirm,~~
incorporates ~~an easily-operated~~ a manual interconnect device, so that a user wearing
the garment can operate the interconnect device by ~~merely~~ coupling a connector, which
is in turn coupled to a power source or external electronic device. Through a releasable
locking action by the user, the connector is electrically coupled to the interconnect
device, which is coupled to a fabric circuit integrated in the garment, such that operation
of a locking action activates related ancillary equipment such as power supplies or
electronic devices.